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1. Twelve trains, each carrying 30 to 40 T34/85 tanks, passed through FRANKFURT/Oder (O 53/V 63) and proceeded toward EBERSWALDE (N 53/V 08) and BAD FREIENWALDE (N 53/V 28) between 24 and 29 October 1949. They had come from GUBEN (O 52/A 79) and COTIBUS (N 52/A 57)*.

2. Two trains, each carrying about 40 T34/85 tanks, coming from GUBEN, were unloaded in PILGRAM (O 53/V 53). ** The tanks moved by road toward the FUERSTENWALDE Forest.

3. The following observations were made **:

a. A train carrying 25 T34/85 tanks passed through FRANKFURT/Oder and moved towards WESTKREUZ on 2 November 1949. On the same day 25 T34/85 tanks were detained in FRANKFURT/Oder.

b. A train carrying 40 T34/85 tanks, coming from the direction of GUBEN, passed through FRANKFURT/Oder on 7 November 1949 and proceeded toward BERLIN. Thirty-five T34/85 tanks were detained in FRANKFURT/Oder on the same day.

c. On 13 November 1949 a train carrying 38 T34/85 tanks moved towards KUESTRIN (O 53/V 66). The train had allegedly come from Saxony.

d. A train of 36 tank cars _____ left BOEHLEN (N 52/K 29) for ZHABINKA on 21 November 1949. Receiver: _____

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Comment: _____

* It appears improbable that as many as four hundred tanks on twelve trains should have been shipped through FRANKFURT/Oder toward EBERSWALDE/BAD FREIENWALDE. No confirmatory information is available. It is, however, considered possible that elements of the headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) may have been shipped back to their winter quarters in the EBERSWALDE-BAD FREIENWALDE area in late October 1949, upon completion of maneuvers in the LIEBEROSE training area.

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** Return of component units of the 7th Gas Mecz Div (Cadre)
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*** [redacted] was observed in ZHABINKA on 14 November 1949
by another source (F), in connection with a gasoline
shipment from BOEHLEN.

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